But through all, I am permitted to feel an increasing settlement of them in Christ; & in the view of eternity, I can with a degree of confidence commit myself to the marvellously comprehensive mercies of my God, in my Saviour, my Redeemer. I rejoice in the belief that I have redemption, this live blood, even the forgiveness of sins. I am most happy, that I have never been seduced, into any unreality, or heterodoxy respecting the Person & Character of my Blessed Saviour. It hath indeed pleased the Father, that in Him should all fulness dwell. Truly He is my All in all. Next to this view of Christ, as the Foundation of all my hopes, & inseparably connected with it, is the experience of (most graciously permitted me especially in connection with the American mission) the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I mean the development of Truth itself in my own mind in reference to my own course of duty - which I have wonderfully found to be also the course of safety - the arrangements of Divine Providence, having, so far, marvellously coincided with the internal pointing of his Holy Hand. With these views & with this experience, what can I do but go boldly & wash from day to day in the fountain of the atoning blood of Jesus - reverently depending on his all-availing intercession - & commit myself without reserve to that unseen but not unfelt government, under which I may yet "make all things according to the pattern" shewed to me "in the mount." O Lord God, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, infinite in wisdom & grace - sanctify me wholly in body soul & spirit - stamp thine own image on my heart, sweet, benighted soul - & take me for a glorious eternity!

The second branch of the subject now in deep seriousness before me, is usefulness to others. Had I been placed in any other religious society, I must have been either a layman, or a (in the middle sense of the word) a priest. I am satisfied that in neither capacity, could I have enjoyed the same scope for usefulness, as I now do under an administration which leaves the distinction & allows the liberty of the Spirit in its full & just action. So it is enjoyed in my case. I do not consider it the lot of the same sufficiently by many some of my brethren & sisters. I think the fault of our Society in its present condition, is the predominance of fear, prejudice, & system; over this blessed liberty - a remark which I utter with a full feeling of the value of a well-ordered Christian government & discipline, in the church. But we want more faith in that anointing for which we plead. God grant that it may spread, abound, & prosper! As it is, while my Secular cares afford me many large opportunities of helping others, I am free to go forth & labour, whenever & where the Lord is pleased to send me, for the instruction of believers & the salvation of sinners. Was I a mere layman in any other body - or had I the care of souls as a clergyman in some particular parish, or as a dissenting minister, in some particular congregation; or even as a missionary in some far-away heathen station - it seems to me, that I should become very much more circumscribed, than I now am, in the "circle of usefulness." I should lose my broad neutral footing - the Archimedean like standing place on which the gospel machinery may now be willed applied, on a large scale. I have, I am